

REMARKS

Claims 4, 5, 9, and 10 have been canceled. Claims 3, 6-8, and 11, and amended claims 1, 2, 12, and 13 are in this application.

Claims 1 and 12 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Aggarwal et al. (US 6,477,180), in view of Schneider (2001/0037402).

Amended independent claim 1 recites in part the following:

"wherein a plurality of content providers can request a reservation via a network,

wherein a reservation state can be browsed by each content provider,

wherein reserved content in the browsed reservation state is displayable in different methods of a display corresponding to each said content provider,"

It is respectfully submitted that Aggarwal and Schneider as applied by the Examiner do not appear to disclose the above-identified features of claim 1. Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that independent claim 1 is distinguishable from the combination of Aggarwal and Schneider applied by the Examiner. For similar or somewhat similar reasons, it is also respectfully submitted that amended independent claim 12 is distinguishable from the combination of Aggarwal and Schneider applied by the Examiner.

Claims 2, 3, 6-8, 10 and 13<sup>1</sup> were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kusaba et al. (US

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<sup>1</sup> Although Claim 11 was not recited, it is believed that the Examiner intended to include claim 11 in this rejection.

6,510,556), in view of Kobayashi et al. (US 6,473,096) and Schneider.

Amended independent claim 2 recites in part the following:

"wherein a plurality of content providers can request a reservation via a network,

wherein a reservation state can be browsed by each content provider,

wherein reserved content in the browsed reservation state is displayable in different methods of a display corresponding to each said content provider,"

It is respectfully submitted that Kusaba, Kobayashi and Schneider as applied by the Examiner do not appear to disclose the above-identified features of claim 2. Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that amended independent claim 2 is distinguishable from the combination of Kusaba, Kobayashi and Schneider applied by the Examiner. For similar or somewhat similar reasons, it is also respectfully submitted that amended independent claim 13 is distinguishable from the combination of Kusaba, Kobayashi and Schneider applied by the Examiner.

Claims 3, 6-8, and 11 are dependent from amended independent claim 2. Accordingly, it is also respectfully submitted that dependent claims 3, 6-8, and 11 are distinguishable from the combination of Kusaba, Kobayashi and Schneider applied by the Examiner for at least the reasons previously described. Claim 10 has been canceled herein.

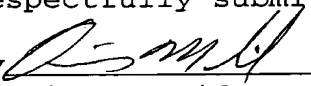
As it is believed that all of the rejections set forth in the Official Action have been overcome, favorable reconsideration and allowance are earnestly solicited. If, however, for any reason the Examiner does not believe that such

action can be taken at this time, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner telephone applicants' attorney at (908) 654-5000 in order to overcome any additional objections and/or rejections which the Examiner might have.

If there are any additional charges in connection with this requested amendment, the Examiner is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 12-1095 therefor.

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